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The Honorable J. Frederick Motz
Garmatz Federal Courthouse
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Baltimore, Maryland 21201

Re: Fidelity & Guaranty Life Ins. Co. v. CNA Financial Corp., et al.
Case No.: 02-CV-2317

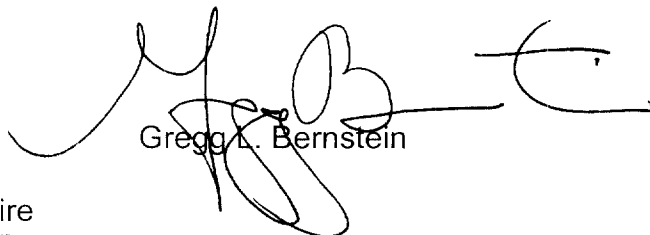
Dear Judge Motz:

This firm represents the Defendants in the above-referenced matter. The action was originally filed in the Circuit Court for Baltimore City and was removed to this Court by Notice of Removal filed on July 12, 2002. Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. Pro. 81, Defendants' Answer is due presently on or before Thursday, July 18, 2002.

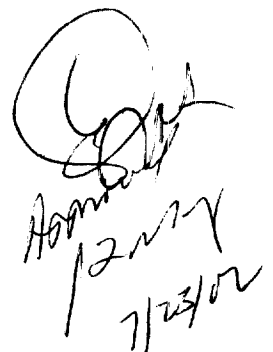
The purpose of this letter is to advise the Court that the Plaintiff has agreed to an extension until Friday, July 26, 2002, for Defendants to file their Answer.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,


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